

MEDFORD URBAN RENEWAL BOARD MINUTES



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September 23, 2021
Immediately Following MURA Study Session
Prescott Room, Medford Police Department
219 S Ivy Street, Medford, Oregon

The regular meeting of the Medford Urban Renewal Agency (MURA) Board was called to order at 6:50 pm in the Prescott Room of the Medford Police Department on the above date with the following members and staff present:

Board members Clay Bearnson, Tim D'Alessandro, Chad Miller, Sarah Spansail, Eric Stark, Kevin Stine, Michael Zarosinski; City Manager Brian Sjothun, Deputy City Manager Kelly Madding, Deputy City Manager Ryan Martin, Interim City Attorney Eric Mitton, Medford Urban Renewal Board Executive Director Harry Weiss, City Recorder Winnie Shepard and Medford Urban Renewal Administrative Assistant David Hernandez

Board members Randy Sparacino and Alex Poythress were absent.

20. Approval or Correction of the Minutes – Meeting of August 26, 2021

There being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

30. Oral Requests and Communications from the Audience

30.1 Robert Shand, Medford, requests information on a potential Medford Liberty Park basketball court.

40. Consent Calendar

None.

50. Items Removed from Consent Calendar

None.

60. Public Hearings

None.

70. Resolutions

70.1 RESOLUTION 2021-025

A resolution approving an Appropriations Transfer in the amount of \$708,749 for the 2021-2023 Biennium pertaining to funding commitments under the Disposition and Development Agreement with Genesis Opportunity Fund, LLC.

Mr. Weiss reported that funds from CIP will be transferred to Materials and Services to reflect the commitments under the approved DDA with Genesis Opportunity Fund, LLC.

Motion: Approve the resolution.

Moved by: Kevin Stine

Seconded by: Tim D'Alessandro

Roll call: Board members Bearnson, D'Alessandro, Miller, Spansail, Stark, Stine, and Zarosinski voting yes.

Motion carried and so ordered. MURA Bill 2021-025 was approved.

70.2 RESOLUTION 2021-026

A resolution approving a grant in the amount of \$45,422.50 to Jolly Holiday Properties Ltd. for reimbursement of fire-safety sprinkler system installation expenses at 107-113 S Grape Street, Medford, Oregon.

Board member Bearnson stated for the record that he has a conflict of interest and recused himself from this agenda item. He is a partial owner in Jolly Holiday Properties.

The approved sprinkler grant is payable and reimbursed upon the completion of installation.

Motion: Approve the resolution.

Moved by: Tim D'Alessandro

Seconded by: Chad Miller

Eric Stark stated he is pleased on how the sprinkler grants and other approved grants will initiate further development in the district.

Kevin Stine acknowledged that a Board member qualified for funding, but didn't feel comfortable voting for it and would abstain from the vote.

Roll call: Board members D'Alessandro, Miller, Spansail, Stark and Zarosinski voting yes; Board member Stine abstaining.

Motion carried and so ordered. MURA Bill 2021-026 was approved.

70.3 RESOLUTION 2021-027

A resolution approving a minor amendment to the City Center Revitalization Plan Section 601(C)(25) "Seismic & Sprinkler Retrofitting/Rehabilitation" amending and expanding the geographical area in which rehabilitation assistance is authorized.

Motion: Approve the resolution.

Moved by: Kevin Stine

Seconded by: Sarah Spansail

The Board discussed the origins of the seismic retrofit program, its expansion to include sprinklers, and its restriction to the Downtown core area. The advisory committee recommends the grant program be expanded to include the Liberty Park neighborhood.

Roll call: Board members Bearnson, D'Alessandro, Miller, Spansail, Stark, Stine and Zarosinski voting yes.

Motion carried and so ordered. MURA Bill 2021-027 was approved.

80. Board Business

80.1 Report from the Chair

In response to Mr. Stark's question, Mr. Weiss stated that sprinkler grants are the only type of rehabilitation assistance being requested at this time.

90. Director and Staff Reports

None.

100. Propositions and Remarks from the Board Members

City Manager Brian Sjothun stated that the 2050 Downtown plan area map will be updated by tomorrow.

110. Adjournment

There being no further business, this Council meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

The City Recorder maintains a recording of these proceedings with the agenda, minutes and documentation associated with this meeting.



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